

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

Brian Heeter, :
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Plaintiff, :
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v. : Case No. 2:15-CV-3062
J. Peterman Enterprises, LLC, : CHIEF JUDGE EDMUND A. SARGUS, JR.
et al., : Magistrate Judge Kemp
 :
Defendants. :

ORDER

Plaintiffs have moved for an order compelling defendants J. Peterman Enterprises, LLC and Carlton Banks Enterprises, LLC to obtain counsel. The Court cannot compel a party to retain counsel. See, e.g., Keary v. U.S. Bank Nat. Ass'n ND, 2013 WL 2371400, *1 (E.D. Mich. May 30, 2013) (declining to accept recommendation that unrepresented parties be required to obtain counsel on the basis that it is not "appropriate or authorized"). For this reason, the plaintiffs' motion (Doc. 43) is denied. The corporate defendants are advised, however, that they must be represented by counsel and cannot proceed pro se. See Taylor Steel, Inc. v. Keeton, 417 F.3d 598, 603 (6th Cir. 2005); Doherty v. American Motors Corp., 728 F.2d 334, 340 (6th Cir. 1984). They are further advised that if they do not respond to the summary judgment motion through counsel, the Court may grant the motion if it is otherwise appropriate to do so.

/s/ Terence P. Kemp
United States Magistrate Judge